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## Senator Dennis Pyle 1st District

Written-Only Proponent Testimony-SB 377

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Thank you, Chairman, Vice Chairman, and members of the committee, for the opportunity to express support for SB 377.

This plan is good for Kansas because it is fair and responsible. It will provide tax relief for my constituents. This plan was announced prior to session, and as such, is the first plan to propose total elimination of state income tax on Social Security, and the first to propose a meaningful increase in the standard deduction.

As you are well aware, I have pushed for eliminating the state tax on Social Security for as long as I have been in the Senate. I am not sure how many times my amendments to legislation proposing to eliminate Social Security income from state tax, have passed the senate floor. We must continue to accept the challenge to make Kansas greater by giving our retirees reason to stay in Kansas.

Also, I have a history of working to increase the standard deduction, and successfully achieving this goal under the Brownback administration. It is past time to increase it again!

This plan is a plan for the people and has support from Republicans, Democrats, and Independents.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 377.

Respectfully submitted,

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